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NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 2854

FOR AMB VANCE FROM FIELDS; EMBASSIES/DEA; NEW YORK/GROUP 43

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FIELDS/FRIED VISIT (JUDICIAL COOPERATION)

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1. SUMMARY: AT CONCLUSION OF A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO CONSULT ON JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING, THERE APPEARS TO BE REASONABLE PROSPECTS THAT A NUMBER OF MAJOR TRAFFICKERS IN ARGENTINA COULD BE RETURNED TO US FOR TRIAL. FIELDS WILL REMAIN BUENOS AIRES UNTIL MAY 5 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON ARGENTINE COOPERATION TO PRODUCE FUGITIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. FIELDS AND FRIED HELD FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS IN BOGOTA AND LIMA WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING PROCEDURES TO ACCOMPLISH JUDICIAL COOPERATION. AS REPORTED IN BOGOTA 4020, CONSULTATIONS ON SECOND TEST CASE WAS MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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CASE IN WHICH CHARGES HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED ON APPEAL AND A WARRANT ISSUED. PERUVIAN CONSULTATIONS ALSO TOOK OPTIMISTIC COURSE AND NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENT TO PROPOSED COOPERATION SURFACED EVEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

3. SANTIAGO DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON CHILEAN EXPULSION CASES AND EXPLANATION MADE BY FRIED TO UNDER SECRETARY ENRIQUE MONTERO ON OUTCOME OF US PROSECUTIONS PROVIDED NEEDED PROSPECTIVE ON THE VALUE OF CHILEAN COOPERATION TO OVERALL INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC CONTROL PROGRAM. AFTER EXPLANATION, MONTERO TALKED IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE CHILEAN ACTION TO READMIT RELEASED CHILEAN EXPELLEES. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOC IN THIS MATTER AND REPORT PROGRESS.

4. TEAM WAS BRIEFED IN BUENOS AIRES ON STATUS OF CONTACTS WITH GOA ON NARCOTICS FUGITIVES IN ARGENTINA. FIELDS WAS INVITED TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR ON CALL UPON MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT WHICH TIME THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED. WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS SUGGEST STRONG POSSIBILITY FOR GOA COOPERATION IN SENDING FUGITIVES TO US. MEETING WITH MINISTER WAS ENCOURAGING (FULL REPORT OF MEETING IN SEPTEL) AND AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED FIELDS TO REMAIN IN BUENOS AIRES TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR GETTING FUGITIVES TO US. A SECOND MEETING WITH MINISTER IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4, AND SUBJECTS OF LEGAL NATURE ARE ANTICIPATED. AMBASSADOR ADVISED MINISTER THAT FIELDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND.

5. FRIED WILL CONTINUE TO CARACAS, AS PLANNED.
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